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(d) whether plans and estimates have been passed or prepared;

(e) whether the Government are aware that Nuzvid is in one corner of the division and that Gannavaram is much more central and easily accessible to all parts of the division; and

(f) whether Government have received any representations that it should be located at Gannavaram?

A.—(a) Yes. The decision to make Nuzvid the headquarters of the division was taken long ago.

(b) The Nuzvid division consists of the Gannavaram taluk and the Nuzvid (Independent) Deputy Tahsildar's division.

(c) A draft notification and a draft declaration have been published for the acquisition of a site in Nuzvid for the construction of a Revenue Divisional office. The acquisition proceedings have not yet been completed.

(d) Plans and estimates have been approved by the Government.

(e) The Government have considered the merits of Nuzvid and Gannavaram as divisional headquarters and have found that the balance of advantage is in favour of Nuzvid.

(f) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" With reference to clause (e), may I know what the merits of Nuzvid as against Gannavaram are?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Nuzvid, the Government consider, is a more important place, the headquarters of the proprietors of that area. Gannavaram is not so well situated and is a mere village."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the existence of big zamindars is a good point in its favour?"

The hon Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I think so, Sir."

Floods

Villages affected by the recent floods in the Vizagapatam district.

*1000-A Q.—Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the villages in the Vizagapatam district that were seriously affected by the recent floods;

(b) the extent of loss of life and property under the following heads: (1) persons drowned, (2) cattle perished, (3) houses collapsed, (4) crops and other property destroyed, and (5) lands silted or scoured; and

(c) the relief the Government propose to afford to those sufferers?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 730-A.

(b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to the report of the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 7th November 1928, and the Government orders on the subject which have been placed on the table [a] of the House.

[a] Laid on the table on 26th November 1928.